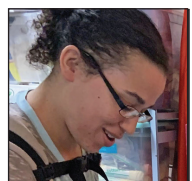




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Council Considers Weapons, Victim Assistance, Metro Trail

by Diane Oberg

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Greenbelt Police Chief Robert Bowers was busy at the April 8 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. He introduced Greenbelt's newest police officer and, along with one of his officers, provided information on several programs in which his department is participating. In addition,

council introduced a resolution authorizing replacement of all the department's weapons and heard an update on the status of the WMATA trail.

Police

Mayor Emmett Jordan swore in Leon Scales, formerly with the Bladensburg police force, as Greenbelt's newest officer.

Weapons

Council introduced for first reading a resolution to authorize

the negotiated purchase of police service weapons. The contract was awarded to Atlantic Tactical for \$39,034 for the weapons and holsters. Although Atlantic was not the lowest bidder, the difference between the top two bidders was small. Furthermore, the department valued Atlantic's demonstrated history of superior customer support.

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Firefighter/EMT Silas Fishburne of Greenbelt, right, coaches a possible future recruit on the use of a dry chemical fire extinguisher, one of the hands-on activities offered during a Volunteer Recruitment Open House Saturday, April 13 at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. Another Greenbelt firefighter stands at a safe distance on the left. See article on page 12.

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PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Representing Greenbelt's Recreation and Public Works Departments at this year's MRPA conference from left: Stephen Parks, Rebekah Sutfin, Karen Haseley, Anne Oudemans, Di Quynn Reno and Will Smith. The statewide organization provides continuing education, professional development and mentoring opportunities for its 3,500 members.

Greenbelt Recreation Staff Honored by State Association

by Jack Hogan

Four members of the Greenbelt community were recognized last weekend in Ocean City at the annual State Association Conference for the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA).

Rebekah Sutfin was sworn in as chair of the Therapeutic Recreation (TR) branch after a year of being the chairperson-elect. Along with the Recreation and Leisure Services and Parks and Resource Conservation branches, TR is one of three branches within the association. Its purpose is to advocate and provide resources for inclusion specialists, hospital workers and more.

Stephen Parks, who is a super-

visor at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, won Member of the Year. Karen Haseley, who retired from her position as Greenbelt TR Supervisor in 2017, won the Retired Life Award, and both Haseley and Greenbelt Community Center supervisor Di Quynn-Reno were members of the Professional Certification Board, which won Committee of the Year.

Awards Committee Chairman Matthew Purkins said Member of the Year award winners are those who consistently help with association events and committee work. He referred to Parks

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Museum Launches Fund Drive As Volunteers Provide Support

by James Giese

The January government shutdown was not all bad. Two furloughed professional archivists employed at the National Archives II in College Park volun-

teered with the Greenbelt Museum and processed a backlog of items that were incorporated into the museum's archives. The items included documents, letters, maps, newspaper clippings, brochures, etc. This information was provided to the Greenbelt City Council at its April 3 work-session to consider City Manager Nicole Ard's proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget. Museum Director Megan Searing Young mentioned the archivists' participation as part of a long list of activities and accomplishments.

Young also told the council that the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) is now circulating a Request for Proposals from architecture/engineering firms to create drawings based on the final conceptual plans for incorporating the recently-acquired neighboring home, 10-A Crescent, into the museum. After input from council, these plans will be used by a contractor to transform

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Dora Kennedy School Eighth Graders Visit Notre Dame

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill

In a local connection to the tragic fire at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, 8th grade students from the Dora Kennedy French Immersion School had just toured the historic church on Monday before the fire broke out. Each year, the eighth graders go on a class trip to Paris and other locales in Europe to practice their fluency in French and absorb the culture. This year's trip took students and teachers to the famed cathedral as the highlight of day two in Paris.

Students finished their tour and boarded the Metro to Montmartre and the Sacre' Coeur Basilica. While in the Metro, people began shouting that the Notre Dame was on fire. Greenbelter Jackson Tuthill, part of the group, described the scene in the underground train station as "pandemonium." While the group was never in danger, parents at home were concerned and spent anxious

time trying to reach their children and the tour company emergency contacts. The school sent out an all-safe text eventually, and the tour company made contact to further reassure parents.

The visit has been eventful in many ways, and it will be ingrained in their memories to have seen the iconic cathedral before the fire; to have been so close to danger and experienced the monumental grief of a great city during a catastrophic event.

The group moves on now to Switzerland, to lakes and mountains and a tranquil setting; then onto Italy, back to France and then Monaco to practice more French and to catch

the flight home.

Sheila Maffay-Tuthill is the mother of Jackson Tuthill.



PHOTO BY SHEILA MAFFAY-TUTHILL

In a two year old photo, Greenbelter Jackson Tuthill lends perspective to the famous medieval bell towers. His student group was there on Monday before the fire.

What Goes On

Tuesday, April 23

8 p.m. City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on 2020 Budget, Municipal Building

Thursday, April 25

8 p.m. Special Meetings, BW Rapid Rail Maglev Update, Municipal Building

Saturday, April 27

9 a.m. to Noon. Electronics, Styrofoam and Paint Recycling, Public Works Yard
9 a.m. to Noon. Shredding Event, Parking Lot Behind Greenbelt Credit Union

Sunday, April 28

2 to 4 p.m. Blueprint for Future of Prince George's Public Schools with Dr. Alvin Thornton, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

What Prompted Concern?

Martha Heil’s letter in the April 11 News Review seems to be well-researched, but it upset me that she did not explain her purpose in writing the letter. Was there a racial incident that prompted her to read the 2012 police report? She mentions that she feels the Greenbelt Police Department is doing a good job. So what’s the problem?

I grew up in Greenbelt, and I enjoy reading the News Review even at my current residence in Davenport, Iowa. While I can appreciate Ms. Heil’s proposed outcome, I think there are more pressing issues to be explored.

Karen McFarland

vironmental harm. Thanks again, Caitlin!

Barbara Glick

Thanks to Jim Giese

I want to thank Jim Giese for so eloquently putting into words what I have been trying to express for several months to City Council and anyone and everyone who would listen. While it is too late for Lakecrest Drive, I sincerely hope that Mr. Giese’s letter opens everyone’s eyes to the senseless destruction of the beautiful Bradford Pear trees that are a staple of the Greenbelt landscape. I cannot thank him enough for echoing my sentiments. I can only hope that perhaps people will now listen and act to save these beautiful trees.

Cheryl Lee Gleason

Police Hires

This is in regard to the letter in the April 11 News Review about hiring more black police officers. I, for one, do not care what color a policeman is when I call for help. I just want an officer who is qualified and well trained to do his or her job. I am confident that our Greenbelt Police Department, in choosing from the pool of applicants, selects the individuals who best meet the standards and qualifications of the positions.

Randall (“Tick”) Mangum

Thanks to OGT

Many thanks to Caitlin McGrath and the Old Greenbelt Theatre for hosting a free screening of *The Invisible Vegan*, an important film about health disparities in people of color and how plant-based eating can minimize those disparities and optimize health. It also greatly reduces the unnecessary suffering of billions of sentient beings and reduces en-

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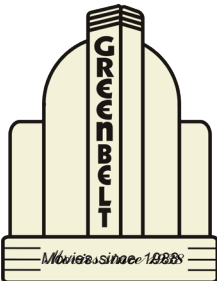
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See our website, greenbeltnewsreview.com, for articles in Spanish.

Corrections

On page 1 of the April 11 issue, the photo caption of the St. Hugh’s Ladies of Charity presenting a donation for Rays on the Roof incorrectly identified the Ladies’ president. Mary Ann Tretler is the president of the Ladies of Charity.



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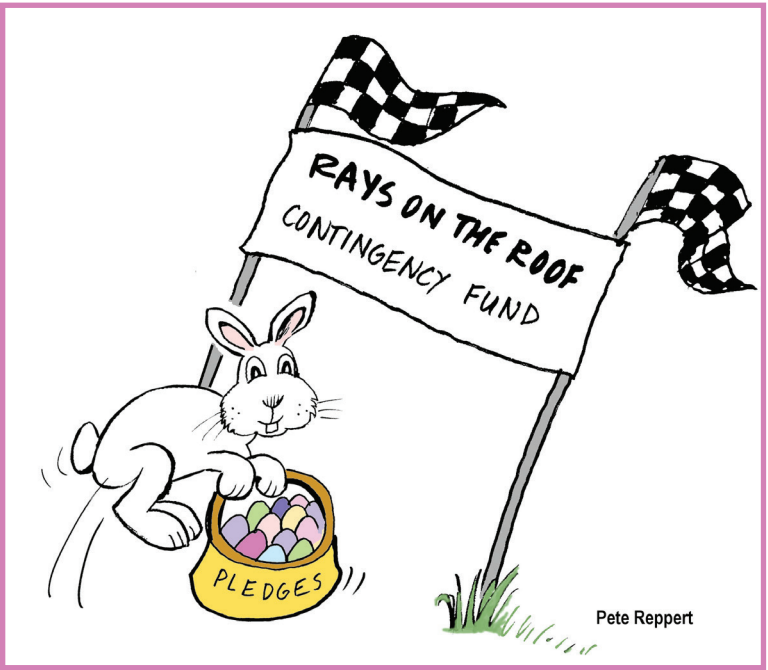
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April 19th - April 25th

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(CC) (2019) (108 mins)
Fri. 1:00, 8:30 PM
Sat. 3:30, 6:00 PM
Sun. 12:30 PM
Mon. 8:30 PM
Tues. 6:00 PM
Wed. 3:30 PM
Thurs. 3:00 PM

THE INVISIBLES (NR)
(German w/English subtitles) (2019) (110 mins)
Fri. 3:30PM
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Sun. 3:00 PM
Mon. 6:00 PM
Tues. 3:30 PM
Wed. 8:30 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM

WOMAN AT WAR (NR)
(Icelandic w/English subtitles) (2018) (101 mins)
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Magnolia blooms in GHI.

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On Screen

This week offers rebellion, survival and saving the world

The Chaperone

Louise Brooks, played by Haley Lu Richardson, is a rebellious teenager, the epitome of the restless Jazz Age, who dreams of fame and fortune in the early 1920s. An opportunity arises for her to travel to New York to study with a leading dance troupe for the summer. Her mother insists she be accompanied by a chaperone, Norma Carlisle, played by Elizabeth McGovern. Norma, a rule-following, conventional society matron impulsively volunteers. The story is full of surprises as these two women spend a summer together in Manhattan. Adapted by Julian Fellowes from the best-selling book by Laura Moriarity and directed by Michael Engler.

NR Running time 108 minutes

-Julie Rapp

The Invisibles

Claus Raffle directs the film *The Invisibles*, using an equal mix of documentaries and re-enactments. This is the tale of four invisible Jews: Cioma, Eugen, Ruth and Hanni, all of whom were interviewed for the film. These people, in their 80s and 90s continue to have vivid memories of WWII. All four managed to survive the Nazi regime, hiding in Berlin from 1943 to the end of the war in 1945.

NR Running time 110 minutes

- Judy Bell

Woman at War

A spy thriller, environmental fable and comedy, Benedikt Erlingsson’s new feature examines what it means to save the world. Set in Iceland, the heroine is Halla (Halldora Geirharosdottir), a 50-year-old single choir director whom no one suspects of leading a double life as a green warrior. She cuts power lines, runs from helicopters and drones and hides when there is no place to go. She is in a battle against a local aluminum smelting plant and she is winning. She has her plans all set when a letter changes everything.

NR Running time 101 minutes

-Amy Hansen

Community Events

Celebrate World Tai Chi, Qigong

World Tai Chi & Qigong Day is a global wave of goodwill providing a vision of hope and healing as people from different cultures, religions and every corner of the earth are all moving and breathing together on Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m. worldwide. Join fellow Greenbelters and others as they celebrate the health and healing power of Tai Chi and Qigong. The local celebration of this event will be held in front of the Greenbelt Library and will be led by Taj Johnson of Sky Valley Tai Ji (skyvalleytaiji.com).

All are welcome, the event is free of charge, participation is encouraged and no Tai Chi/Qigong experience is required. Plan to arrive by 9:15 at the grassy area in front of the Library. Depending on the field/weather conditions, the event may be moved to the Community Center Gym. For more info about World Tai Chi and Qigong Day see worldtaichiday.org.

Anonymous Disposal Of Prescription Meds

The Greenbelt Police Department, in conjunction with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), is participating in a free anonymous, no-questions-asked prescription drug takeback on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are two locations: the Springhill Lake Recreation Center parking lot on Cherrywood Lane in a pop-up tent and the Greenbelt Police Department parking lot on Crescent Road in a pop-up tent. Drivers can hand in medicine without exiting the vehicle. This event allows the public a chance to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Only pills and patches will be accepted; no liquids, needles or other sharps.

According to the DEA, unused and outdated medicines kept in the home are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. They are found to be the cause of a high number of accidental poisonings and overdoses and a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family, friends and home medicine cabinets. The usual methods of disposal of these medicines, flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs, call George Mathews, Greenbelt Police public information liaison at 240-508-0238 or visit DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov.



Thoughtful Group Discussion at Center

“We will rebuild!” That appears to be the instinctual response to the destruction of natural or historical buildings or monuments by wind, fire, flood. How valid is that response? Can we preserve the memory without investing massive resources in rebuilding the structure? When do we cease efforts to maintain structurally unsound historic trees? Would we remember the Alamo if it were swept away in a tornado?

Come hell or high water, the MakerSpace thoughtful discussion group will explore this topic on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. During the theater renovation, the group is meeting at the Community Center. Check the whiteboard for “MakerSpace” to find out which room.

At the Library

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System branches will be closed on Sunday, April 21, for the Easter holiday. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Monday, April 22 at 1 p.m.

Teen Advisory Board Poetry Month Workshop. Monday, April 22, 4 p.m., ages 13 to 18, limit 15 participants. Earn service hours while making the local library a great place for teens. Enjoy snacks, meet new people, become a leader. Registration required; contact the branch either in person or by calling 301-345-5800. (TAB meets weekly on Monday afternoons.)

Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Tuesday, April 23, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, April 24, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people. Thursday, April 25, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

Kids Achieve Club. Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 p.m. Mentoring, reading and homework help for students in grades 1 to 6. This club meets weekly as a walk-in event on Wednesday afternoons.

STEM-tastic Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Become a mad scientist by conducting hands-on, fun science experiments using basic scientific principles. Join in on engineering challenges as the group builds structures out of ordinary drinking straws.

French Conversation Club. Thursday, April 25, 5 p.m. Learning to speak French? Join this club and practice speaking French in a friendly atmosphere. (The club meets biweekly as a walk-in event on Thursday evenings.)

Buying a Home How, When, Why

On Friday, April 26 Bee Yoga Fusion is hosting a free event called Buying a Single-Family Home: The How, When and Why. The public is invited to join a discussion with real estate agents Kim Kash and Jenn Klarman, who will be sharing expert tips on the process of buying a home. Attendees can expect to learn the right time to buy and to know the benefits of buying vs. renting. Bee Yoga Fusion invites everyone wanting to attend to make a reservation for the event at BeeYogaFusion.com. Snacks will be provided. The event will be held at 111 Centerway (second floor) above the Greenbelt Credit Union.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of April 22 are as follows:

Monday, April 22: Sliced ham with pineapple glaze, au gratin potatoes, green peas, dinner roll, ambrosia salad, banana cake, cranberry juice.

Tuesday, April 23: Potato crusted fish, diced rosemary potatoes, glazed carrots, wheat bread, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Wednesday, April 24: Baked chicken breast with creamy pesto, garlic Parmesan orzo, ratatouille, wheat roll, tropical fruit, grape juice.

Thursday, April 25: Baked meatballs with sweet and sour sauce, brown rice, broccoli, wheat bread, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Friday, April 26: BBQ chicken thigh, black eyed peas, collard greens, wheat bread, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice.

GHI Notes

Thursday, April 18, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, April 19, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, April 22, 2 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, April 25, 6:30 p.m., Executive Session of the Board, Board Room; 6:30 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

GreenbeltWritersGroup

The Greenbelt Writers Group will be meeting on Friday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. All writers are invited to attend. We will be discussing poetry as well as plans for presentations at our June meeting during Peace Month. Attendees may bring something to read Friday or just join the conversation. The Greenbelt Writers Group meets on the third Friday of the month the rest of the year.

At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21: Junior Ranger Weekend; Greenbelt Junior Ranger Booklet. Come to the Ranger Station for a Greenbelt Park Junior Ranger booklet and earn a Junior Ranger badge and the Junior Ranger Patch.

Sunday, April 21: Every Kid in a Park; 4th graders come and learn how to get a free pass to national parks as we play Guess Your National Park game. Meet at the Ranger Station at 2 p.m.





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The Greenbelt Arts Center Presents
The World Premiere of

THE HONEY TRAP

Written and Directed By:
Michael C. Stepawony

April 26, 27, May 3, 4, 10, 11 - 8:00 p.m.
April 28, May 5, 12 - 2:00 p.m.

A 1957 Las Vegas, July Fourth
'Watch the Atomic Bomb' party is about to begin.
When two unexpected guests show up,
everyone's fortunes are changed forever.



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written and directed by Michael C. Stepawony

April 26, 27,
May 3, 4, 10, 11 at 8PM

Sunday matinees: April 28,
May 5, 12 at 2PM

Contains adult themes and is not suitable for young children.

Ticket prices:
\$22 General Admission,
\$20 Students/Seniors/Military,
\$12 Youth (12 & under w/ adult)

COMING SOON:

June 1 - Cabaret Night – produced by Jeff Lesniak
June 14 - 23 - Cat on a Hot Tin Roof - the Rude Mechanicals

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Arts Center Presents Honey Trap

Starting on Friday evening, April 26, the Greenbelt Arts Center will present the world premiere of The Honey Trap, written and directed by Michael Stepawony and produced by Malca Giblin.

The play will be performed on Fridays and Saturdays, April 26, 27, May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees on April 28, May 5 and 12 at 2 p.m.

A 1957 Fourth of July Watch the Atomic Bomb party is about to begin in a Las Vegas hotel room. Suddenly, two unexpected guests arrive and change the fortunes of everyone in the room.

Greenbelt Park Trail Day Set for April 27

Join the first Greenbelt Volunteer Trail Crew Day 2019 on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area. Call 301-344-3944 between 8 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. to sign up. Wear proper clothes and shoes for working on the trails. Have fun in the outdoors and help make a difference for the nine miles of Greenbelt Park’s trail system.

Student Conservation Association volunteers will not be involved in the Trail Crew Volunteer Day on Saturday, April 27. Ignore the Eventbrite signup at earthdaygreenbeltpark.eventbrite.com.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit nps.gov/gree.



Program Schedule

Friday Apr 19 - Thursday Apr 25

7 am Greenbelt News Reel

8 am Democracy Now!

9 am Classic Film:
Frank Sinatra
Suddenly (1954)

11 am Democracy Now!

12 pm Greenbelt News Reel

1 pm Strata *Shipwrecks*
(Archaeology)

2 pm Democracy Now!

3 pm Classic Film:
Frank Sinatra
Suddenly (1954)

5 pm Strata *Shipwrecks*
(Archaeology)

6 pm Greenbelt News Reel

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Obituaries



Thomas Chapman

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Thomas “Jeff” Chapman, a former resident of Greenbelt, died on April 11, 2019, at the age of 73. Mr. Chapman was born an only child to longtime Greenbelt residents Nelson and Velma Chapman. After being raised in Greenbelt and graduating from High Point High School, Mr. Chapman purchased two homes in Greenbelt, one of which he lived in for most of his adult life. He was employed by Computer Sciences Corporation, a major contractor of NASA, and was stationed at Goddard Space Flight Center. He was later transferred and retired from the National Security Agency in Columbia, Md. Mr. Chapman was a seasoned member of the Greenbelt American Legion. He also belonged to the Greenbelt Community Church. He enjoyed hunting,

fishing, boating and crabbing. He had camaraderie with many life-long friends who brought much joy into his life. Mr. Chapman was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by Karen, his wife of 26 years, his children Denise Chapman-Toth and Thomas Chapman, and four grandchildren: Laurel, Megan, Tyler, and Hudson Toth. A celebration and remembrance of his life will be held at the Greenbelt American Legion on June 14 from 5 to 8 p.m.



Easter Sunrise Service Planned

An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, April 21 at 7 a.m. at Buddy At-tick Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Rain location will be the Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ, Hillside and Crescent Roads.



Jeanette Sargent Danahy

Jeanette Sargent Danahy died on December 3, 2018 at age 92. She was a longtime resident of Greenbelt and member of Greenbelt Baptist Church. Mrs. Danahy was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Reginald Clayton Danahy. She is survived by her four children, Mike, Susan, Tom and Steve, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Join her family and friends in a celebration of her life on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church, 101 Greenhill Road. Burial will follow on Monday, April 29 at 11 a.m. at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, Md. In lieu of flowers, send contributions to The American Red Cross.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelt resident Jeanette Sargent Danahy who died in December at the age of 92. Our condolences to the family and friends of Thomas Chapman who died on April 11. Congratulations to Rebekah Sutfin, Stephen Parks, Karen Haseley, and Di Quynn Reno, employees of Greenbelt Recreation who were recently honored by the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association. Thank you to all Vietnam War veterans, both those honored at the recent American Legion event and those who were not able to attend that evening. Thank you for your service to our country. Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Community Church Holds Quarterly Donation Drive

On Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, the Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ invites donations for their quarterly Donation Drive. Bring gently used clothing, books and small household items to the church between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, and between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 28. Items should be smaller than 18” x 18” x 18” and placed in kitchen-sized plastic trash bags or a sealed box. Donors will receive a receipt for their donation and a discount coupon for Value Village. Volunteers are also available to pick up items from Greenbelt homes during those same times. Greenbelt Community Church conducts the donation drive in conjunction with Value Village and receives funds based on the weight of the items collected. Call 301-345-1849 to arrange for a pickup or for more information.

Easter Changes Everything!

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We explore the story of Yeshua. Followed by Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds.
This is a Reimagining Sunday; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meeting House for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided.



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Join Us this Easter Sunday at 10:15 for
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Greenbelt Baha'i Community

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Holy Thursday

April 18 7:30pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

April 19
Noon: The Living Stations of the Cross
2pm: Traditional Stations of the Cross
7:30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday

April 20 8pm,
The Vigil of Easter
April 21: 8, 9:30, and 11am Sunday Masses

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Saint Hugh Catholic Church

135 Crecent Rd.

The Paschal Triduum





City Information & Events

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2020 BUDGET

Municipal Building, Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Higher Achievement - Thalia Washington, Executive Director and Tallulah Anderson, Manager of Community Outreach
- Greenbelt Middle School Debate Team
- Older Americans Month Proclamation
- National Poetry Month

Public Hearing on the FY2020 Budget

Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meeting

Administrative Reports

* Committee Reports

- Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Report #2019-01 (Vagrancy and Loitering Issues Within the City)
- Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) Report #2019-02 (Emergency Siren Referral)

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Police Service Weapons, 2nd Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Indigenous People's Day
- * Draft Letter to Congressional delegation on Deferred Enforced Departure immigration issue
- 2020 Census -- Get Counted Greenbelt
- Mosquito Control Program Participation
- Council Reports
- Council Activities

SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail banderson@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.



DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Saturday, April 27, 10am-2pm

At two locations:

- Greenbelt Police Department
550 Crescent Road and
- Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane

Dispose of any unused, unneeded, and expired prescriptions in a safe manner.



BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sunday, April 28
2-4 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770



Featuring: Dr. Alvin Thornton
Chair Prince George's County Board of Education

Moderators: Members of the Education Advisory Committees of Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights

We encourage parents, teachers, principals, Parent Teacher Associations and school board members to attend this event. It really takes a village to build an excellent school system. Let's listen and work together to make Prince George's County Public Schools shine.

Sponsors: the Advisory Committees on Education from Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights, the Four Cities Coalition, and the Greenbelt Black History Month Committee



YOU ARE INVITED

GREENBROOK LAKE COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) for an informational meeting to discuss the upcoming stormwater construction project at 6925 Hanover Parkway, in the Greenbrook Lake community. CWP team members will share the environmental and community benefits of this great program.

MEETING DETAILS:

WHEN	April 24, 2019
TIME	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
WHERE	Greenbelt Community Center Room 103 15 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770

For questions, please contact Jam Kendrick at jam.kendrick@thecleanwaterpartnership.com





EGG Hunt



Saturday April 20, 2019
10:00am SHARP
Entertainment after!
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Buddy Attick Park
555 Crescent Rd
Ages 18months through 4th grade

For more information call 301-397-2200
or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation
Weather and Information Hotline: 301-474-0646

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM, AND PAINT RECYCLING

SATURDAY, April 27, 2019
Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Rd.
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Electronics Recycling!

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end.

ALSO, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6)
NO Cups, Egg Cartons or Food Trays.

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.



Paint Recycling!

Cost—\$5 per container. DO NOT mix paint in other containers. In order for paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside. If you are unable to attend the event, you may hire this service directly to come to your home for an additional \$50 service fee. Yuck Old Paint, LLC 888-509-9825 (YUCK) www.YuckOldPaint.com

Questions? Greenbelt Sustainability Office 240-542-2153

SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, April 27
9 AM – 12 NOON
(or until the truck is full)

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding; abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets.

For more information, call the Sustainability Office at 240-542-2153

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 22-26

Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00pm
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION at Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. On the agenda: Education Forum with Dr. Thornton, Planning for Student Awards, and 2020 Budget

Tuesday, April 23 at 8:00pm,
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2020 PROPOSED BUDGET at Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996, and www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent.

Thursday, April 25 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at the Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Finish discussion of Non-Conforming Areas, Comments on Stream Naming letter, Compiling a glossary, Discuss map for wetland section

Thursday, April 25 at 8:00pm, **SPECIAL MEETING re: BW Rapid Rail Maglev Update Presentation** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

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(Primary Care and Family Medicine)
2191 Defense Highway, Suite 201
Crofton, Maryland 21114
410-451-9091

Doctors Community Practices at District Heights
(Primary Care and Family Medicine)
6400 Marlboro Pike
District Heights, Maryland 20747
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Doctors Community Practices at Laurel
(Primary Care and Diabetes Care)
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Laurel, Maryland 20707
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(Primary Care, Family Medicine and Endocrinology)
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Riverdale, Maryland 20737
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Temple Hills, Maryland 20728
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Bowers had been planning to resell the current weapons. However, after further consideration and input from council, he now believes that it would be best to destroy them.

There was no discussion of the resolution to purchase new weapons, though several councilmembers expressed approval of the decision on the disposition of the current weapons. The resolution will be presented at the Tuesday, April 23 regular council meeting for second reading and final passage.

Victim Assistance

Council unanimously approved the police department’s plans to partner with the Community Advocates for Family and Youth (CAFY). This organization already has partnership with police forces in Laurel, Bowie and Bladensburg. CAFY staff and neighborhood volunteers advocate and provide support services to crime victims. Bowers said that the police do not currently offer robust support to crime victims. CAFY will help fill this need.

Acting Captain Seung Lee said the partnership with CAFY will allow the city’s police force to focus on investigating crimes. CAFY will take over providing services to crime victims, especially victims of violent crimes such as homicides, sexual assault and robbery.

The program will be funded through grant funds with no matching city funds required.

Crime Intelligence

Lee also briefed council on

another partnership, this time with other local law enforcement agencies in Maryland. The Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) seeks to develop a robust information structure that will enable cross-jurisdictional sharing of actionable intelligence to identify criminal networks. The program will be funded through state grant funds and no matching city funds are required.

Bowers informed council that the program also allows police forces to provide assistance to other jurisdictions. That means that Greenbelt would be able to use officers from other jurisdictions when appropriate.

Lee told council that this network will focus on gangs and violent crimes but will also share information on human trafficking and robberies. Greenbelt Police are asking for council support to take part in this program. The first step is to become part of the memorandum of understanding. Though the police are spearheading the program for Greenbelt, a variety of local government agencies would participate.

WMATA Trail

The promised trail from Greenbelt Station to the Greenbelt Metro station is once again stalled. Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby told council that it is about three months behind schedule.

Hruby said that the permits for the work will not be approved until the fall of 2020. The top

priority, she said, is to get the electricity issues resolved. Until then, the site development plan cannot be submitted to the county and the state Department of the Environment for approval. She estimated that the trail would be completed in mid-2021, but hedged, “Don’t quote me on this.”

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) provided a cost estimate to provide power to the entire length of the trail. But according to the agenda comments, the cost was exorbitant. Woodlawn, the developer of Greenbelt Station, is now exploring other options.

Greenbelt Cleanup

Councilmember Colin Byrd recounted his dismay over the amount of trash encountered during the recent Help Unite Greenbelt Walk. He noted that Howard County does an annual cleanup. Byrd motioned that the city should encourage residents to pick up litter anytime in April and it was unanimously approved.

The county will sponsor an event Growing Green with Pride on May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a picnic with the county executive. Participants must register by Friday, April 19. Mayor Emmett Jordan said he would like to see a city program for trash cleanup around that date. Councilmember Judith Davis requested that the issue be referred to the GreenACES.

Gaining Skills and Nurturing Talent Workshop Series

by Aileen Kroll

The first of a three workshop series entitled Growing Skills & Nurturing Talent was offered by the Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) on Saturday, April 13 at the Greenbelt Community Center. New ways of dealing with challenging group issues were discussed and demonstrated throughout the day. At the same time, one-on-one sessions were conducted by co-director and author, John Buck, with community organization representatives and local business people. Individualized follow-up will be provided during the next

month.

The next workshop will be held at the Franklin Park/Springhill Lake Community Center on Saturday, September 21. Contact Aileen at aileen@dynamic-governance.org for more information.

A big thank you to the Greenbelt Community Foundation for their support of this year-long project. Also, many thanks to Donna Hoffmeister, LeeAnn Irwin and Angeline Butler, Greenbelt TimeBank members who assisted throughout the day.



PHOTO BY DONNA HOFFMEISTER

From left: Councilmember Colin Byrd, Susan Walker, Oscar Gregory, Pat Wickersty, Mary Ernsberger and Loryne Joyce Bowen. At the welcome table is LeeAnn Irwin, from Greenbelt TimeBank.

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as “Mr. MRPA,” and someone who can be considered a de facto member of any committee within the association. Purkins said Parks regularly photographs and provides tech assistance for association meetings and conferences and is known for being a strong mentor to other members of the association.

Purkins said members can be nominated for the Retired Life Award if they have worked with the association for at least 20 years, and selection is based on their level of involvement within the association. According to Purkins, Haseley has been actively involved in the TR branch, including service as chair, and will be the Profession Certification Board chair for 2019-20. “[The award] makes me feel more tied to [the MRPA] and more appreciative and wanting to contrib-

ute more to help the association move forward,” said Haseley.

Committee of the Year is determined by the association’s president who, at the time of the conference, was Carolyn Ryan. She said one reason she selected the Professional Certification Board was that members of the branch developed the association’s continuing education unit (CEU) application to be electronically submitted, as opposed to being submitted by paper. Ryan said this transition into a more modern approach for CEU applications was a significant jump for the association.

The MRPA is composed of roughly 3,500 members and provides services for professionals in various fields across Maryland.

Jack Hogan is a journalism student at UMD and a reporter for the News Review.

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the space into an education and visitor center to support the museum’s programs and activities.

Meanwhile, FOGM and Young have begun a fund drive to raise needed money to pay for the improvements. This includes \$37,500 to match a \$50,000 grant from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority. Efforts are also ongoing to obtain community investment tax credits issued by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Other grants previously awarded include a Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Operating Assistance Grant for \$10,000 to support planning and design work for the education and visitor center interior; a Greenbelt Community Foundation grant for \$5,000; and a grant for \$2,500 from Prince George’s County Councilmember Todd Turner. FOGM and staff have also applied for a \$50,000 Prince George’s County Community Impact Grant.

Budget

The proposed city budget for the museum is \$14,500, an increase of \$4,200 over the current budget. The increase is primarily due to increased personnel costs. In addition, FOGM, through its fund-raising, has a budget of \$48,600 to support the museum’s operation. While the director is a city employee, FOGM funds a part-time volunteer coordinator and an office assistant.

Council reviewed with Young activities and accomplishments during the past year. Some of those discussed were: special exhibits at the Community Center, the current one being on Lenore Thomas Straus who sculpted the Community Center façade reliefs and the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center; special activity programs for a Recreation Department summer camp program; participation in the city’s 80th anniversary celebration; free tours and the Retro Town Fair during the Labor Day Festival;

holiday decorations for the Deco the Hall annual event; sponsored quarterly lectures and a special talk on the Greenbelt theater; on-going research on African Americans who lived on the land before Greenbelt was built for its archive on the African American experience; developing a much-needed digital preservation policy with the aid of University of Maryland student Patricia Glaser; and acquiring several important artifacts this year which included holiday items, vintage clothing, photographs and household items.

For 2018, the city reports 4,800 hours of volunteer/intern time; 1,225 museum visitors; 1,171 special programs attendees; 2,400 estimated Community Center exhibit visitors; 32 special tours and 124 FOGM memberships.

Auction
April 18 2019 8 a.m.
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Waldorf MD 20601

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- (8) **1998 LINCOLN MARK 8**
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Greenbelt Community Church Quarterly DONATION DRIVE

Saturday, April 27
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Sunday, April 28
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Items should be placed in kitchen-size trash bags, no items larger than 18" x 18" x 18"

Call 301-345-1849 to arrange for a pick up or for more info

Next Donation Drive: July 27-28, 2019

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Business

Business Column Now Open for Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Bozzutos of Greenbelt Wins Energy Star Award

The Bozzuto Management Company has received the 2019 Energy Star Partner of the Year Sustained Excellence Award. The Environmental Protection Agency award was given to them for the third year in a row for achieving more than a 3 percent reduction in site energy usage across its entire portfolio, with over \$4 million in energy cost savings. Bozzuto Management is a real estate company headquartered in Greenbelt at 6406 Ivy Lane, Suite 700. Founded in 1988, Bozzuto has built more than 42,000 homes and apartments and currently manages 70,000 apartments and

two million square feet of retail space on the East Coast, the Northeast and Chicago. Bozzuto has adopted a business philosophy that focuses on increasing recycling at all of its communities, and considers environmental stewardship and sustainability paramount. Residents are provided with knowledge and tools to encourage a reduction in energy consumption. Energy Star is a government symbol for energy efficiency, providing credible and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make well-informed decisions.



Greenbelt's newest hotel, The Woodspring, recently opened its doors for business.

City Council Hashes Out Grants Budget for FY2020

by James Giese

It's only \$6,600, a tiny part of the City of Greenbelt's \$31 million proposed budget, but the Greenbelt City Council considered it important enough to spend 30 minutes hearing presentations on how the money would be spent at its April 3 budget worksession. Listed as Grants in the Miscellaneous section of the budget, City Manager Nicole Ard proposed city support to the operations of Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) and Washington Ear (\$1,000 each) and College Park Meals on Wheels (\$3,000). An additional \$1,600 is included to support unidentified worthy causes, not discussed at the work-session.

Chairperson Jean Cook spoke on behalf of GIVES, which connects people needing special services with people willing to give help. Cook said that approximately 220 people were involved and that the most common services provided are transportation, raking leaves, shoveling snow and other yard work. Beside the small amount of money for supplies, the city provides office space and telephones to the volunteer group.

Washington Ear provides informational radio services to the blind in the Washington metropolitan area and receives support from other local governments as well as donations to support its operations. Ear Executive Director Neely Oplinger told council that currently 18 Green-

belt residents receive the radio service which operates 20 hours a day, seven days a week with volunteers reading newspapers and other informational material to keep people with sight loss posted on current events. The listeners choose the type of news they wish to hear. Six volunteer readers are from Greenbelt. Oplinger noted that Washington Ear has carte blanche copyright waiver to enable its readers to provide the information free of charge.

Speaking on behalf of the College Park Meals on Wheels, Phil Newsome told council that this service provides a hot meal and two cold meals daily to 35 city residents, up from 22 a year ago.

Greenbelters also volunteer to deliver meals. This group serves a larger area that includes College Park, University Park, Berwyn Heights and Calverton. There is another Meals on Wheels group serving the Hyattsville area.

The Space Offers Place at Mall To Create, Share Art for Free

by Lauren Moses

Full of colors and creative activities, The Space in the Beltway Plaza Mall welcomes community members to share positive artistic energy for free. The Space, across from the AMC theaters, has made a name for itself, averaging between 60 to 80 visitors per weekend.

One loyal volunteer said, "It's been one of the biggest blessings."

Jennifer Dudley, a Greenbelt resident, said she passed The Space eight to 10 times before stopping by to see what it had to offer. "We are always so busy going about our business and you keep telling yourself you'll check it out one day," she said.

That one day came when she was walking through the mall without her children. She stopped by to inquire about The Space and spoke with the owner, Shaymar Higgs, who is also a volunteer. Dudley said they had an engaging conversation about adding more technology to The Space. Ever since that day, she hasn't left.

Higgs, who originally pitched his idea about The Space to the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board and then to the mall owner, said the idea originated during his trip to Cambodia in 2015. He spent 33 days there and "saw that this sort of thing [creative spaces] was regular everywhere." The idea was supposed to be called the PEOPLE'S SPACE, he said, which is an acronym that means "politically and economically oppressed people living everywhere, sharing positive artistic and creative energies."

Although the name changed, the meaning still remains. Dudley said, "We don't have anywhere to go. The people of color at least, especially some living in these areas with less resources. There are no places to go do something with our kids for free."

Initially, The Space was only supposed to be around for three weekends, but it was extended to three months and then, eventually, to a year. Moving forward, Higgs is on a year-to-year lease with the mall, which he says would not have been possible without helpful community members.

When The Space originally opened in the fall of 2018, most of the materials (crayons, markers, coloring books, scissors, poster boards, etc.) came from Higgs's apartment. Higgs said he has slowly begun taking his things home as volunteers and those passing by regularly donate materials for The Space.

"There was a couple that came



Jennifer Dudley, a volunteer, helps Abbey Lawal and her two daughters at The Space.

in, a doctor and his wife, and they were going to the movie. They walked in and asked what this place was all about, I told them and they went to Target and came back with bags of materials," Higgs shared.

Vannese Jones, a District of Columbia resident and volunteer, said The Space is so much more than drawing and coloring for children. She initially stopped by with her granddaughter on their way to the movies and said it was Higgs's authenticity that drew her back. She too is an artist, and enjoys making jewelry, sewing and creating T-shirts in The Space.

"Art is more than just giving someone a marker and telling them to draw. It's exposing them to things they never would have imagined," Higgs said after starting a partnership with the Rock Creek Park Horse Center. Higgs takes three high school interns and seven adult interns to the center once a month to get them out of their comfort zone.

Looking ahead, Higgs wants to continue using art as a tool and said financial independence and mental wellness activities are at the top of his to-do list. Despite

the never-ending conversation about redevelopment of the Beltway Plaza Mall, Higgs remains confident in his goals.

"When I hear of the redevelopment, I can see how this can also fit," he said. "The social class of people they are aiming for understands the importance of art creativity."

The Space currently has a nonprofit fiscal sponsor, but Higgs is in the process of doing another fundraiser and hopes to establish The Space as a 501(c)(3) organization. While he wants The Space to continue to offer free classes and free access, Higgs can still envision paid animation or video editing classes. "But for now, I plan to keep this place and find another community that needs the free services."

"With high expectations, this has surpassed my expectations," he said. The Space is all Higgs ever wanted since the day he turned his family's garage and basement into art and photography studios during his middle and high school years.

Lauren Moses is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault

April 3, 12:16 a.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 29-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with two counts of second degree assault after she allegedly assaulted two patrons at TGI Fridays. Those injured refused medical attention for minor injuries. The woman was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

April 7, 5:30 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A man reported that he was assaulted by as many as seven juveniles. He refused treatment for minor injuries. The youths are known to him and the investigation is ongoing.

Reckless Endangerment

April 9, 1:13 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Two shots were fired in the area of Springhill Drive and Cherrywood Lane. A spent shell casing was found in the area.

Burglary

April 4, 11:19 a.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane. Money was taken from an office suite.

Vandalism

April 8, 8:41 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A rock was used to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

Vehicle Crime

One stolen vehicle was recovered. A 2018 Toyota Camry reported stolen March 22 from the 100 block Westway was recovered April 4 by Montgomery County police on Thayer Avenue near Mayor Lane in Silver Spring. One arrest was made.

Six thefts from vehicles were reported. A wallet was taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road and

a phone charger was taken from a possibly unlocked vehicle in 5 Court Laurel Hill Road.

Rear Md. tag 3DN4036 was taken in the 9200 block Edmonston Road, a catalytic converter was taken in the 7900 block Mandan Road and four tires and rims were taken from one vehicle in the 6500 block Lake Park Drive.

Two leaf blowers were taken from the bed of a work truck in the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway.

Four incidents of vandalisms were reported. A vehicle in the 7800 block Mandan Road had a passenger side window broken out, paint was poured into the car's interior, and the exterior paint was scratched.

Paint was scratched in the 100 block Westway and a tire was slashed in the 7900 block Mandan Road. A door was dented in the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Critical Missing Woman Sought

The Greenbelt Police Department is asking for help in locating critical missing person, 16-year-old Litsy Marcela Escobar-Duran. She was last seen on April 10 and is believed to have been headed to the Mall at Prince George's in Hyattsville. She is described as Hispanic, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 130 pounds, with brown eyes and brown hair. She was wearing a red and white jacket and blue jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Daniel Aguilar at 240-542-2137 or by email at daguilar@greenbeltmd.gov.

Scammer Found Guilty, But Threat Remains

Greenbelt resident Aldrin "Al-banky" Fon Fomukong was convicted in a wire fraud and money laundering scheme that netted him millions and cost 42 victims over \$4 million. According to the U.S. attorney's office, Fomukong and his co-conspirators accessed victims' email accounts and sent wiring instructions that caused money to be sent to criminal accounts.

The crimes were backed by skilled South African-based hackers with expertise in such scams, which are also known as spear-phishing. Fomukong was one of their henchmen in the U.S. who set up accounts, transported cash and sent it offshore.

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Police advise residents to hang up, look up the number of the organization the caller claims to represent and call that number. Government agencies never make such calls and never accept payment via gift card. They also do not threaten arrest for non-payment, nor would any reputable business or organization.

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by Lesley Kash



Members of Greenbelt Police Patrol Squad 1, Sgt. Scott Kaiser and Officer Rakibur Rahman, helped fix bikes at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

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Vietnam Veterans Grateful For Evening of Recognition

by Elena Macias

On the evening of April 11, veterans of the Vietnam War finally received some long overdue recognition. The Greenbelt American Legion, in conjunction with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), hosted a dinner followed by a laudatory ceremony thanking veterans for their service to their country. As a memento of the evening they were also given a certificate, a lapel pin and a calendar.

Before the actual ceremony, guests loaded their plates with food from the buffet and, as they sat together and ate, shared their thoughts and memories. After the meal, the ceremony itself began with an invocation led by Jim Harbaugh, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jerry Darnell and the National Anthem led by Rusty Beeg. Elizabeth Darnell delivered a reading of The Table Set for One in remembrance of those who lost their lives while serving.

After greeting and welcoming guests, vets were presented one at a time with the remembrances honoring their service. The certificates they received recognized their service and valor. Calendars given to the veterans were donated by the Maryland House of Delegates.

Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs George W. Owings III, also celebrating his birthday that same night, spoke at the event.

“We all have friends who have moved on,” said Owings “Some of the names are on The Wall. Some are still missing. One day we’ll find them all.”

He went on to read Governor Larry Hogan’s proclamation that declared 2019 the Year of the Veteran in Maryland. The copy of the proclamation read by Owings will be framed and hung in the American Legion Hall to

mark the occasion.

The lack of appreciation for veterans who fought in the Vietnam War has not gone unnoticed. The DAR has conducted these ceremonies throughout Maryland and the emotional impact remains the same. Veterans are thankful that their service is finally being acknowledged. According to the DAR, some veterans are moved to tears as they accept their certificate, while others keep their emotions in check yet are no less appreciative.

The memorable night wrapped up with closing remarks and a benediction led by Tom Davis. All attendees were in high spirits as they headed home for the night, though none more so than the veterans honored that night.

Elena Macias is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.



PHOTO BY BUTCH HICKS

Greenbelt American Legion Post Commander Greg Gigliotti presents a proclamation to George W. Owings III, Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs, during a celebration honoring Vietnam Era Veterans. The event, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136 and Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented recognition plaques to almost 30 veterans of all services who served during the Vietnam era.

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The Office of Student Records, Transfers and Archival Services will not accept transfer requests to schools that exceed state-rated capacity. Visit the Student Transfer Request webpage at pgcps.org/student-transfers to view a list of schools eligible to receive transfer students and details, transfer process instructions and FAQs.

Decision letters will be mailed no later than June 28. Allow at least three weeks for delivery.



Craig Scholarship Deadline Is April 30

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) application deadline is Tuesday, April 30. The Scholarship Fund wants city residents and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) community to know this local scholarship is available to all ERHS seniors. One recipient has been selected each year since 1986.

The current scholarship, for \$10,000, is paid over a four-year period. Current recipients are attending Anne Arundel Community College, Towson University and the University of Maryland. This year’s recipient will be presented the first payment of \$2,500 at the ERHS senior awards ceremony on May 20 in the school’s auditorium.

The Craig Scholarship tradition began in 1986 as a tribute and memorial to David Craig, a 1979 ERHS graduate whose tragic death in 1984 sparked a desire by his family and friends for a lasting memorial and a rewarding response by helping others with education expenses. The scholarship is totally funded by private donations and gifts and is a non-profit organization recognized by the State of Maryland.

To apply or to learn more about the fund, visit davidcraigmsf@blogspot.com. The telephone number is 301-474-7874. Douglas Mangum is the president of the DCMSF, a classmate of Craig, a Greenbelt resident and an alumnus of ERHS.

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Ten New Volunteers Sign Up To Help Out Fire Department

by Matthew Arbach

In the words of Chief Thomas Ray and volunteer EMT/firefighter Lisa Hegwood, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) registration drive on April 13 was “absolutely a success.” Ten people signed up that day. In addition, there were three firefighting demonstrations, a fire escape maze from the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) and a CPR class. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary, another volunteer component, were there to provide refreshments. In the past, there have been periodic open house events available to the public, where recruitment has been a component. According to Councilmember Judith Davis, this was distinct in that it focused specifically on volunteer enrollment.

For those looking to become a volunteer, interest forms are available online at pgvolunteers.org. A GVFD representative will then reach out and “walk them

through the process,” said Hegwood; she added that it was “simple and quick.” All applicants must undergo a background check and a physical to ensure suitability.

The beginning age requirement is 16. At least three of the April 13 applicants were in the junior range of 16 to 18, which permits assistance on calls. One must be at least 18 to work on a fire crew. Karama Smith, 17, has been involved since August. He said, “It’s a nice family to be a part of.” Assistant Chief Greg Gigliotti said that students can apply their efforts toward their civic duty hours. He echoed many of the volunteers present when he said that they “are always trying to get younger” applicants, for in them lies the future of the department.

Training is free of charge. All volunteers take 160 hours of training to become emergency medical technicians (EMT). For

those seeking to be firefighters, another 30 hours is required. Some take that training and translate it to a professional career.

Several of the EMT/firefighters have been involved for decades, such as John Voigt (45 years) and Gigliotti (28 years). Others are newer, like Annissa Grimes (five years) and Hegwood, since 2017.

Four members of the Ladies Auxiliary present that day modeled a similar time spread: President Kathy Reynolds (48 years), Kathy Legendra (35 years) and both Judy Hughes and Lynn Dobbin (three years). This organization provides food and water for events, helps with fundraising and generally supports the service. Legendra describes her involvement as “very rewarding” and feels “blessed” in being able to help the GVFD.

According to Ray, there are six around-the-clock career professionals at GVFD who are supported by 20 active riding and 40 associate volunteers.



Greenbelt volunteer firefighters from left: Nick Lasick, Lisa Hegwood, Chief Thomas Ray, and Silas Fishburne. The GVFD joined forces with the Maryland State Firemen's Association and the Capital Region Fire Sprinkler Association to provide both show-and-tell and hands-on activities during Volunteer Recruitment Day Saturday, April 13.



Firefighters battle a demonstration fire during GVFD Recruitment Day on April 13. The special trailer side-by-side units show what happens in an apartment with a working sprinkler system versus an identical apartment with no sprinklers.



Bare Earth sculpture by Chris Corson.

Greenbelter Chris Corson Shares Embodied Wisdom

by Nicole DeWald

For ceramic artist Chris Corson, “sculpting the human form is exploring the human condition. Inner emotions are always reflected in the body.” Corson is a new resident of Greenbelt and a participant in the ceramics program at the Community Center. “I feel very in sync with Greenbelt,” he comments, noting the “sense of community ... almost a sense of mission.”

Corson’s sculpture includes full and partial male figures ranging in scale from one-half to three-quarters life size. The figures’ postures frequently convey a deep interiority or attitude of self-protection, counterbalancing the exposure inherent in their nudity. Heads are often downturned or absent, which the artist explains is in part a strategy to avoid locking the figure into the specific individuality signified by a face. He prefers to leave more room for empathy and to strive for broader resonance. “When other people find a part of themselves in my work,” Corson writes, “I believe I have reached the universal.”

The sculptures’ surfaces are sooty and complex. After initially being fired in an electric kiln, the pieces are finished using the ancient technique of pit firing in which the artwork is surrounded by combustible materials in a hole in the ground. (Corson maintains a pit in Upper Marlboro, where he previously resided.) Alternatively, some pieces have been finished in a raku or wood-fired kiln. Beyond their sheer beauty, Corson believes these surfaces help to convey part of the sculptures’ meaning; they

speak to raging forces of social and economic injustice against which the figures are seeking to shield themselves.

Corson’s engagement with social justice concerns long preceded the creation of his sculptures. He served as general counsel for an international machinists’ labor union, capping a 30-year legal career. He began working with clay in 2008 and transitioned to the arts on a full-time basis in 2013. Corson is currently a member of the Studio Gallery in D.C., along with the Washington Sculptors Group



Chris Corson works on new sculptures at the Greenbelt Rec. Ceramics Studio.

and the Maryland Federation of Art. He has been exhibiting his sculptures since 2014 at venues including the Circle Gallery (Annapolis), Delaplaine Arts Center (Frederick), Baltimore Clayworks and Hillyer Art Space (Washington).

The artist notes a family lineage of creativity and craftsmanship. His father was a commercial illustrator for auto racing magazines as well as a schoolteacher. His grandfather designed and built wooden boats in Atlantic City, where his clients included both rum runners and the United States Coast Guard. His grandfather’s influence, in particular, imparted an appreciation for the inherent possibilities of a material that could be unlocked by skilled hands.

The palpable, emotional content of Corson’s sculpture has emerged through a physically grounded, introspective process. “I work deeply from my own inner senses of body and feeling,” Corson notes. “This allows me to tap sources truer than my intellectual mind, and the resulting pieces often surprise me with more honesty and nuance than my initial feeling.” His work seeks to evoke a sense of strength that incorporates vulnerability, rather than opposing it.

Corson is featured in a Spotlight article in the April 2019 edition of Ceramics Monthly magazine, which can be viewed online. His sculpture Bare Earth was selected for the national juried exhibition Freedom: Art as Messenger on view through June 14 at the Cato Institute in Washington. This show aims to use the power of art to bring disparate political views into dialogue. Accompanying panel discussions will be live-streamed on May 22 and June 5. To see more of Corson’s work, visit chriscorsonsculpture.com.

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